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My dear friend Harold,

Hope this finds you well and in good spirits. You have been often in my thoughts even if I haven't been very good about writing.

Since last in touch I have been involved in the consuming experience of the bar exam. I had hoped by this time to be writing you on the letterhead of an attorney, but not yet. I have just re-taken the exam, last week. Prior to this I was involved in an effort with some of my fellow examinees toward getting a judicial review of alleged improprieties in the administration and certification of the last exam.

It ended, to make a long story short, with only the concession given that if we would take the exam again, it would be graded with scrupulous integrity, and consideration would be given to those who took the previous, disputed

exam. So we shall see. But this sort of thing absorbs time and energy, as only a man like you can appreciate.

It has been a desire of mine for a long time, ~~and~~ once I am finished with law school, to be of some help in the fight that you have so valiantly been fighting all these years.

It looks like I am getting to come up there again in a couple of weeks or so. I'll let you know when I have an exact date. I'll be staying with relatives in Virginia. I would especially like to see you if there is any chance we can get together.

In the midst of writing this, Harold, the story has just come out that Ray was secretly given a lie detector test by Playboy magazine, which he supposedly failed. Jack Pershaw was on "Good Morning America" this a.m. and says now that the room became hot and Ray developed a headache.

But this afternoon's paper

quotes Stonney Lane as saying that Kershaw sneaked the Playboy people in as "defense investigators"! Of all things! I'm sending copies, my friend!

Please forgive my nescience. For the better part of the past year I have devoted every energy I have to this bar exam, and I have barely read a newspaper. What is the situation now? I take it that Jim Leyer is no longer Ray's lawyer. Who is Jack Kershaw? I can't say much for his judgment.

In Charles Dolson's book, he talks about taking a "lie detector" test amidst Watergate, but he at least had the sense to do it privately, and with someone who would keep the results secret if they proved unfavorable.

There is so much I want to talk with you about. There is increasing possibility that I can be in Washington late August ~~and~~ or early September, and I would like very much to call you, if that's all right with you, and maybe we could get together?

Your friend,
Jim